

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mohammed N. Islam  
Serial No.: 10/006,001  
Filing Date: December 3, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2142  
Examiner: Thong H. Vu  
Confirmation No.: 2948  
Title: OPTICAL ROUTING USING A STAR SWITCHING  
FABRIC WITH REDUCED EFFECTIVE SWITCHING TIME

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Official Action mailed August 14, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks.